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This letter is in protest of your pending rate hike. This is hard times for all of us why are you all having a rate increase at this time. Every year you all ask for a rate increase, please give us consumers a break. I know you all are in a position to ask and get the rate hike because we do not have any other choices pay the increase or we will not have lights, heat to cook and a warm house. I have my heat turned down as low as I can stand it now trying to keep the bill low so I can keep paying for your service.

My paycheck is not getting a rate increase and you should not get a rate increase either.

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